

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IO GROUP, INC,

No. C-10-04382 DMR

Plaintiff,

v.

DOES 1-435,

Defendants.

**ORDER SEVERING PLAINTIFF'S
CLAIMS AGAINST DEFENDANT J.W.
AND SETTING HEARING DATE ON
DEFENDANT J.W.'S MOTION FOR
PROTECTIVE ORDER, MOTION TO
QUASH AND/OR VACATE SUBPOENA,
AND MOTION TO DISMISS**

On September 28, 2010, Plaintiff Io Group, Inc. filed a complaint against 435 individual Doe Defendants alleging copyright infringement. *See* Docket No. 1. On October 15, 2010, this Court granted Plaintiff Io Group, Inc.'s administrative request for leave to take early discovery, and granted Plaintiff leave to serve a subpoena upon Comcast Internet seeking the names and addresses of subscribers assigned specific IP addresses identified in the subpoena. *See* Docket No. 9.

The Court subsequently received Defendant J.W.'s Motion for Protective Order, Motion to Quash and/or Vacate Subpoena, and Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction. *See* Docket Nos. 11, 12 and 13. As this case involves a large number of defendants, and both Plaintiff and Defendant J.W. have filed signed consents to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate Judge (*see* Docket Nos. 10 & 19), the Court concludes that severance of Plaintiff's claims against Defendant J.W. would facilitate the orderly and efficient management of this matter. Therefore, the Court

1 hereby orders that the claims against Defendant J.W. be severed under Federal Rule of Civil
2 Procedure 21.

3 The Court further orders that the hearing on Defendant J.W.'s Motion for Protective Order,
4 Motion to Quash and/or Vacate Subpoena, and Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction
5 is set for **January 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.**, in Courtroom 4, 3rd Floor, U.S. District Court, 1301 Clay
6 Street, Oakland, California 94612.

7 The briefing schedule for the Motion for Protective Order, Motion to Quash and/or Vacate
8 Subpoena, and Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction shall be as follows: Any
9 oppositions to the motions shall be filed by no later than **December 30, 2010**. Any replies shall be
10 filed by no later than **January 6, 2011**. Defendant J.W. may continue to appear as "Defendant J.W."
11 pending resolution of the motions.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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14 Dated: December 15, 2010

